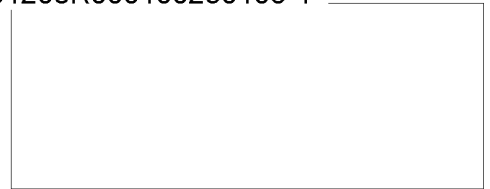


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Ironically, the Kearney indictment came twelve weeks after the Justice Department dropped its inquiry into the illegal opening of more than 200,000 letters by CIA agents from 1953 to 1973. The outcome of the Kearney case, and others likely to follow, is difficult to predict. When—and indeed if—the case actually comes to trial, notes Washington Attorney Edward P. Morgan, it will still be doubtful “whether an American jury will convict an FBI man for trying to combat terrorism.”